

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

The General Fund is funded at the level of \$131,544,733 up \$1,785,984. A major decrease is the \$15.5 million decrease for the engineering costs of the Weld Parkway (WCR 47/49 Corridor) project. Without including adjustments for cost of living, and salary step increases, the budget for general government functions is up \$1,721,292. The Election budget which is up \$767,845 when the \$500,000 included last year for the one-time cost of new elections equipment is adjusted out. The increase is due to 2018 being both a primary and general election year, and the cost impact of Proposition 108 allowing unaffiliated electors to vote in the primary election. The Office of Public Information is up \$69,260 with the addition of two positions. Building and Grounds is up \$156,927 for an additional Building Automation Supervisor, and Grounds Technician. The District Attorney is requesting four addition staff and an upgrade at a cost of \$448,090 as the caseload of the office has increased 40% since 2011.

Information Technology is up \$310,495 due to the addition of two Business Process Analysts for the lean government program efforts, and a Business Intelligence Analyst. Lean government refers to the application of lean production (also known as "Lean") principles and methods to both identify and then implement the most efficient, value added way to provide government services. Resources for the Technology Projects budget unit will also be used for this effort. GIS is up \$105,600 primarily due to the need for imagery from Google and Nearmap in 2018.

Public Safety functions are up \$7,955,919 in the budget. The overall net Sheriff's Office recommended budget is up \$2,499,578 or 6.16%. Due to the reduction of four (4) contract positions because outside entities will no longer need their services, revenues for Contract Services are expected to decrease by approximately \$373,150. Based upon a staffing analysis, the Sheriff's Office is requesting the four positions be moved to increase Patrol, as actual 'first responders' to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the division as a whole. Although the number of positions will not increase, the loss of revenue will result in a \$373,150 budgetary impact. The major impact is the addition of 32 positions (\$2,539,565) in the jail due to the growing inmate population, and the need to open up the last pod of the jail to bring the overall capacity of the jail to 779 beds. Overall jail detention costs are up \$2,963,465. The Sheriff has increased supplies by \$203,573 for firearm supplies (\$28,976), inmate supplies (\$13,283), computers and software (\$41,384) uniforms, duty belt equipment, and bulletproof vests (\$22,481), and \$86,719 for replacement of small items of equipment in the various Sheriff's Office units. Purchased Services are up \$257,296 for training and travel (\$36,659), CPI increase for inmate medical care (\$153,578), inmate food costs (\$48,715), crime lab facility costs since the grant ended (\$62,000), inmate transports and court security (\$35,657), and phones (\$26,212). Vehicle costs dropped \$114,344. Sheriff's Office equipment is funded at \$18,600 for a DME forensic workstation (\$8,800), and scanner/printer/copier (\$8,000). In the General Fund contingency budget there is \$1,225,963 to cover the new pay grade plan and flexible staffing for the Sheriff's Office's sworn patrol and correctional officer staff approve mid-year in 2017. This amount will be allocated to the appropriate budgets in the final budget process.

Coroner's budget is up \$163,036 primarily for the addition of two Deputy Coroner positions mid-year to deal with the office's workload. Communications is up \$1,136,933 with the addition of two dispatchers for Greeley Police, two supervisors, and three call takers due to E-911 call volume. Greeley will pay for the two Greeley Police dispatchers they requested. Another large item is the \$3,738,985 costs for the Front Range Communication Consortium (FRCC) Dynamic System Resilience (DSR) switch and four radio system upgrade. ADCOM will pay for half of the cost (\$1,934,471). Office of Emergency Management is up \$99,000 primarily for a Hazardous Material Exercise and Planning grant of \$75,000 and \$20,000 for a full scale EOC exercise in 2018. Other Public Safety budgets are stable with little or no increases.

As mentioned earlier, Engineering is down \$15.5 million because the engineering and design fees

have decreased for the Weld County Road WCR 49 south corridor and WCR 49/47 north corridor in the 2018 budget. General Fund's subsidy to the Public Health Department is up \$219,788 due to anticipated salary step and cost-of-living increases. The County Fair is up \$165,850 with \$147,850 for a one-time expense for livestock panels, \$28,000 for support for the Island Grove Park services, and \$10,000 in one-time costs to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Weld County Fair in 2018. An increase of \$2,758,296 is included for other General Fund departments' anticipated salary step and cost-of-living increases in 2018. Health insurance rates will increase 3.2% for employees and the employer in 2018. This is the first health insurance rate increase in four years.

As the Bright Futures program moves into its third year the County Commissioners have restructured the program to be operated under the umbrella of the Upstate Colorado Economic Development organization with its own governing board. The administrative costs are funded at \$179,542. The Board of County Commissioners decided to fund the 2018 student grant portion of the program from the Economic Development Trust Fund, and not the General Fund to give the new Bright Futures Board an opportunity to restructure the program and the fundraising effort in 2018. In 2019 the Board will determine the programs sustainable long-term funding level from the county.

The available resources to the General Fund are \$146,486,352 compared to \$142,117,497 in 2017, up \$4,368,855. Property taxes are budgeted at \$93,101,051 up \$563,701 Revenue from interest earnings are up \$800,000 at \$2,000,000 for 2018, as interest rates are projected to increase in the next year. Planning and Building Inspection fees are down \$1,055,000 due to less oil and gas activity than anticipated in the County due to lower oil prices, as well as, the reduction in fees done in 2017 for oil and gas well permits resulted in a much greater drop in revenue than anticipated. Intergovernmental revenues are up slightly by \$115,317. Charges for Services are up \$218,652 primarily from charges related to Elections (\$100,000), and Sheriff's Office revenues. Fines from traffic enforcement are up \$3,000. Indirect cost recovery is down \$20,781 due to Social Services' allocation. Clerk and Recorder fees are up \$700,000. Treasurer's fees are up \$1,180,000. All other revenues are relatively stable with little change.

The beginning fund balance is anticipated to be \$12,000,000 for 2018. An estimated ending fund balance of \$14,941,619 is projected for year-end. The fund balance amount serves as an additional contingency amount during the fiscal year. This fund balance amount is consistent with the anticipated ending fund balances for the last few years. It is prudent fiscal management for Weld County to maintain an anticipated fund balance of this level to respond to unforeseen needs of the citizens of Weld County in 2018 and future years.